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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, reconsideration is respectfully requested based on the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 6-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 6-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Higuchi et al. (JP 11-253578) in view of Rajagopalan (U.S. Patent No. 6,187,864). The Examiner has essentially repeated the previous rejection and used the Rajagopalan reference to teach an intermediate layer made primarily from a polyamide. The Examiner concludes that it